

Remarks

Applicants believe certain distinctions in the amended claims are present over Giadarello et al, US 6,409,875. The entire teaching of Giardello pertains to a composite whereby using tie-layers cross-metathesize to a solid polymer.

Giardello does not dispense a liquid of a highly-reactive cycloolefin with a catalyst. Giardello teaches encapsulation in a molding process

A second substrate other than the ROMP polymer is not present.

Another way of appreciating the above distinction is to see that in Applicants' method, the adhesive which comprises the polymerizate from the intermixture of highly reactive cycloolefin and catalyst adhesively bonds to two substrates on both sides of the bonding layer, whereas the Giardello method results in a metathesis resin which is cured only to the tie layer. There is no other substrate bonded to the metathesis polymer on the surface opposite the tie layer.

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